

REMARKS

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on November 16, 2006. Prior to entrance of this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9 and 11-23 were pending in this Application. Upon entrance of this Amendment, claims 4, 5, 7, 11-15 and 17-23 remain pending in this Application.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Berman et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,995,939 (hereinafter "Berman"). Response is hereby made to each of these rejections.

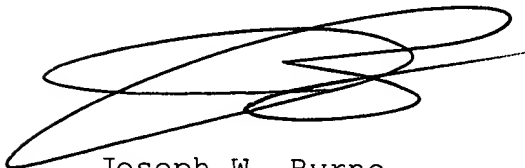
As a preliminary matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 5, 7, 11-15 and 17-23.

In order to advance prosecution of this application, Applicant has herein cancelled, without prejudice, rejected claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 16. It should be understood that Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 16 and is only cancelling these claims at this time to advance the prosecution of this Application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 16 as pending, or claims having a scope consistent with these claims, in a later application.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application should be allowed. The Examiner is invited to telephone the

undersigned below if it will aid in the prosecution of this
application.

Respectfully submitted,

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